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Sir:

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Although it is believed that the references submitted herein are either cumulative to references previously submitted or not material to patentability of the allowed claims, the references are being submitted in copending U.S. Application No. 09/938,667. Therefore, Applicants are submitting the references in the present application with the abundance of caution for the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of the references, except U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, are submitted herein. In considering the cited references, it may be noted by the Examiner that certain of the references may contain markings, underlinings, and/or other notations. These markings, underlinings, and/or other notations are not to be construed as drawing the Examiner's attention either to selected parts or away from other parts of the cited references. Any such markings were either present on the copies of the cited

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Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08B with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 are respectfully requested.

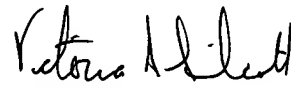
A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being submitted herewith. Thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this Information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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